

### Comments

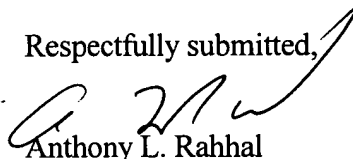
The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-13 and 15-23 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 5,335,727 to Cornette, et al. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4 and all intervening claims. Claims 5, 7 and 8 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 14 and claims 10-13 depend directly or indirectly from claim 9. Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 24 and claims 16-20, 22, 23 and 25 depend directly or indirectly from claim 15. In view of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 5, 7-13, 15-20, 22, 23, and 25 should be allowed. The Examiner has indicated that such claims would be allowable.

In addition, new claims 26-30 should likewise be allowed. Claim 26 includes limitations not disclosed by Cornette or any other art cited by the Examiner and as such should be allowed.

### Conclusion

Accordingly, and for the reasons set forth herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 1, 5, 7-13, 15-20, 22, 23, 25 and 26-30 along with an early indication of the allowance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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